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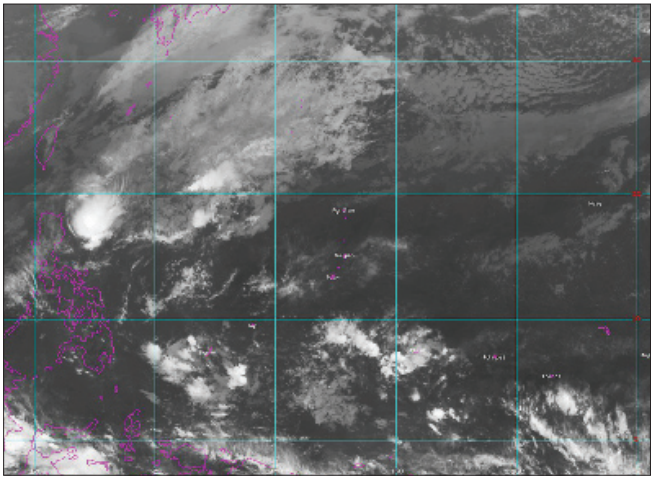


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WEATHER FORECAST




PICTURE TIME: 1:00 AM., MARCH 9, 2004
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.


Fresh to strong trade winds across much of Micronesia converging into lighter winds near the Equator are producing scattered showers between the Equator and 8n from 130e to 153 and between the Equator and 6n from 160e to 180. A cold front stretches from 25n161e to 20n146e and continues as a shear line to 19n130e. Low- and mid-level clouds...light rain and showers associated this feature extend up to 200 miles north of the boundary. Trade wind convergence south of the cold front/shear line is producing low clouds and showers between 12n and 18n from 132e to 150e. This area includes the Mariana Islands.




SAIPAN AND TINIAN
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 mph. Highs near 87. Lows near 76.



GUAM AND ROTA
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 mph. Highs near 87. Lows near 76.




PALAU
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15 kt.




POHNPEI
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15 kt.




YAP AND ULITHI
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15-20 kt.






















KOSRAE
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 10-15 kt.

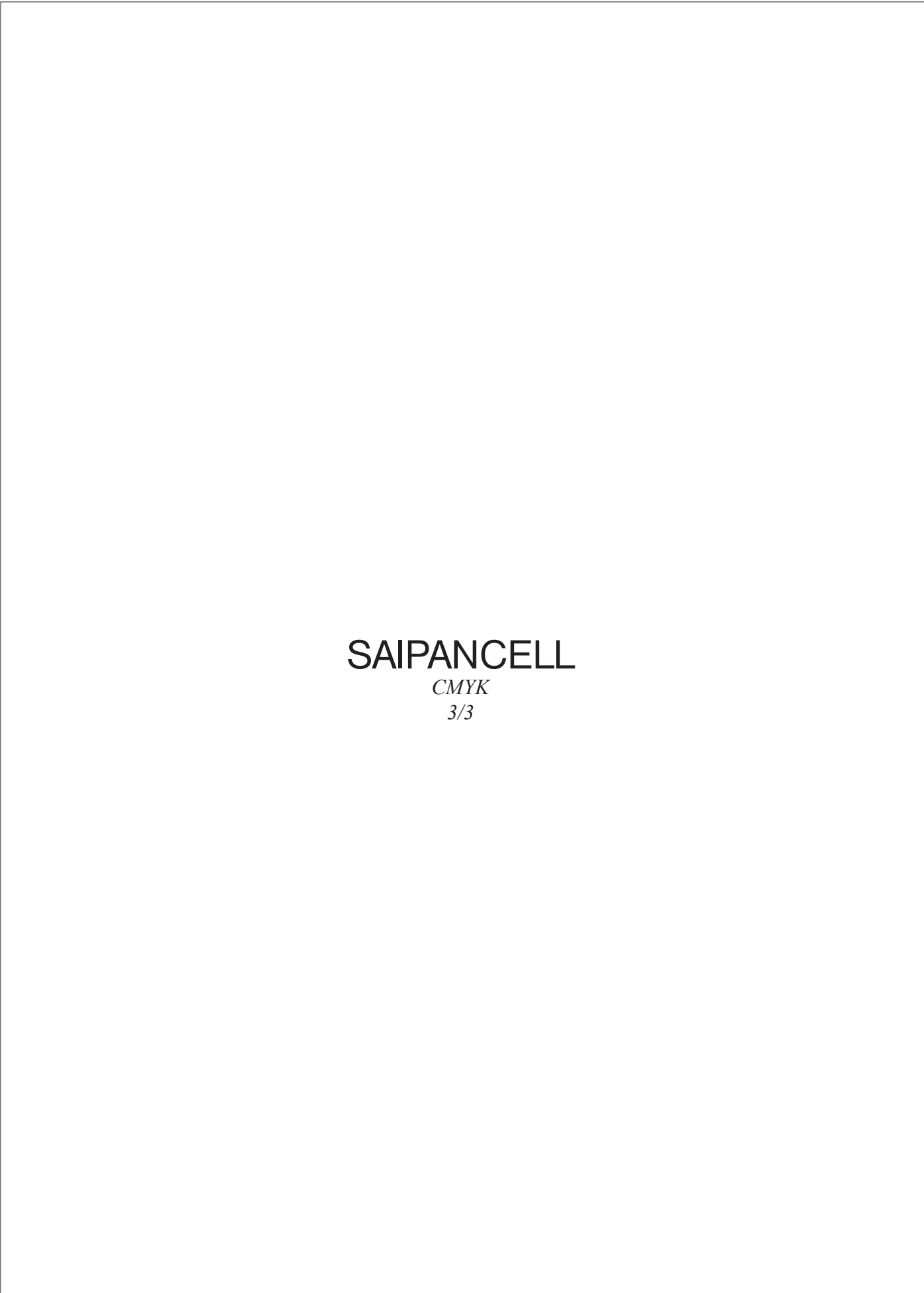


CHUUK
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 15-20 kt.



MAJURO
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
Winds: East at 15-20 kt.

CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
 Auckland	Sunny	71F (22C)	60F (16C)
 Beijing	Sunny	65F (18C)	48F (9C)
 Hong Kong	Sunny	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
 Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	82F (28C)	68F (20C)
 London, England	Sunny	45F (7C)	30F (-1C)
 Los Angeles	Sunny	79F (26C)	59F (15C)
 Manila	Partly Cloudy	88F (31C)	73F (23C)
 Melbourne	Sunny	75F (24C)	59F (15C)
 Miami	Partly Cloudy	72F (22C)	54F (12C)
 New York City	Cloudy	40F (4C)	34F (1C)
 Osaka	Partly Cloudy	37F (3C)	25F (-4C)
 Paris	Partly Cloudy	38F (3C)	25F (-4C)
 Pusan	Partly Cloudy	53F (12C)	39F (4C)
 Rome	Cloudy	49F (9C)	30F (-1C)
 Salem, Oregon	Partly Cloudy	60F (16C)	40F (4C)
 San Francisco	Sunny	68F (20C)	52F (11C)
 Seoul	Partly Cloudy	47F (8C)	35F (2C)
 Tokyo, Japan	Partly Cloudy	42F (6C)	36F (2C)
 Washington, DC	Cloudy	45F (7C)	34F (1C)



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Olympic race against time

After seven years of planning, feuding and working, with barely 159 dawns left before the summer Olympics opens in Athens, 24 of the 39 new athletic venues for the world's oldest games are not yet complete. Oops. According to The Times' Alan Abrahamson, this embarrassing backlog also includes the Olympic stadium where August's opening ceremonies are tied thematically to the vast roof, which does not exist yet.

The Olympics are a fascinating social, political and economic phenomenon that happens to involve athletics. Suggested by the Oracle of Delphi 2,780 years ago as a PR gimmick to interrupt the cycle of wars among Greek city-states with a regular cycle of athletic combat, the Games have ever since been much more than games. They've become global entertainment, construction challenges, economic engines, tourism opportunities, propaganda platforms.

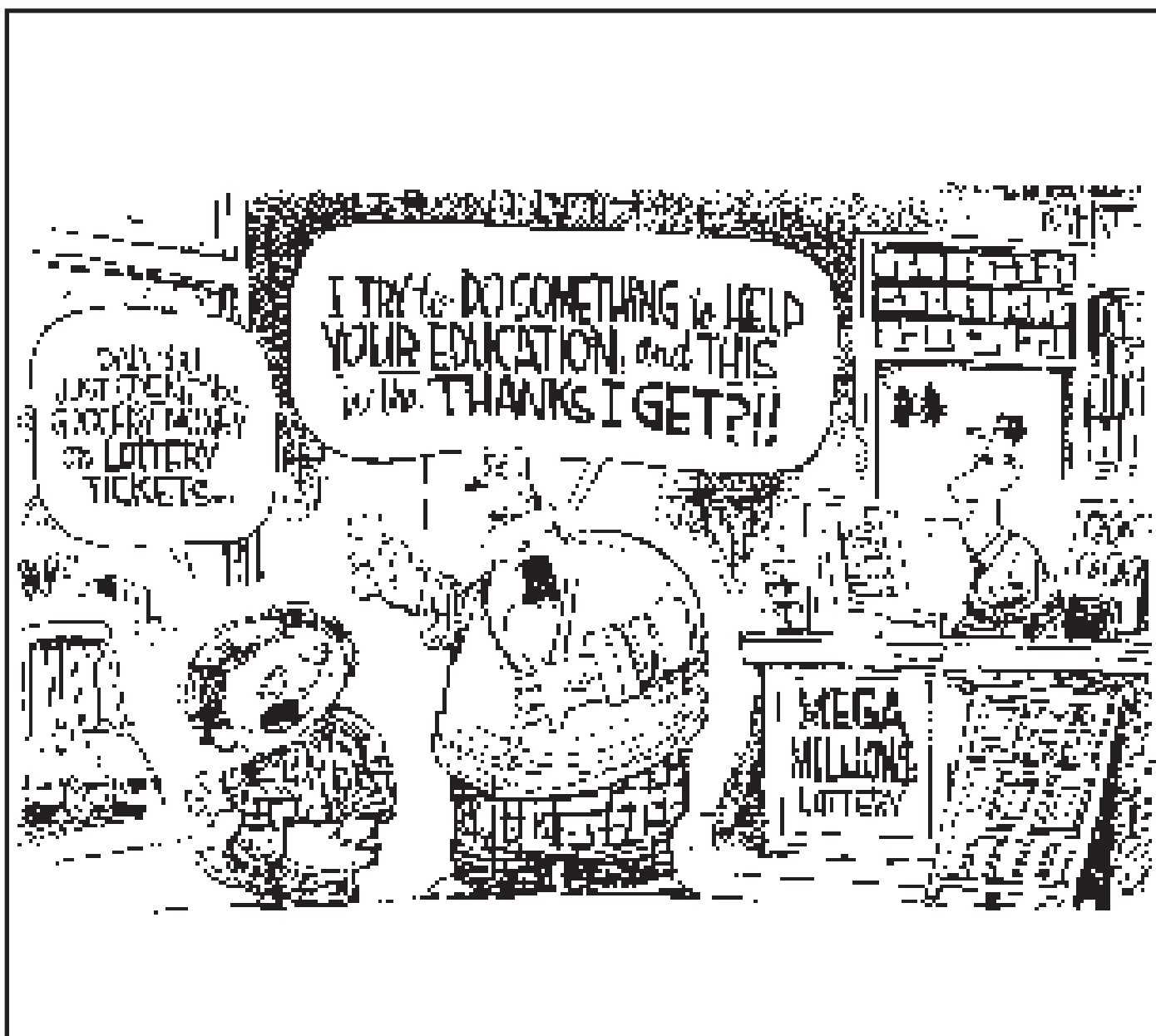
Besides assembling the world's greatest amateur athletes under an idealistic anthem of fellowship, they focus the world's attention on positive achievements for at least 17 days, especially if they increase a certain nation's medal count. The Games have become billion-dollar bonanzas for broadcast empires and enriching opportunities for victorious competitors. Even when confronting judging scandals and banned performance-enhancing stealth drugs, the Games reflect the priorities, dreams, rivalries, conniving, fears and foibles of their times.

This time, the Games also seem to reflect the procrastination and enduring fractiousness of their founding society, a new member of the European Union. Winning, then constructing and executing an Olympics, is, well, an Olympian task that consumes most of a decade. Greece, which opened the Games' modern era in 1896, was granted the 2004 Games in 1997. The home committee then foundered, reorganized and restarted and has been behind ever since.

A new airport is done, but flying is not yet an Olympic sport. According to Abrahamson's recent report, 12 of the 24 incomplete Olympic structures are less than 90 percent done. New subways have tracks but no operations. Greek officials have yet to even settle on new regulations governing prostitution, which is legal. Another reflection of the times—security—will cost \$2 million every hour.

Greek and Olympic officials, perhaps with no choice, profess confidence that My Big Fat Greek Olympics will be ready on time. It'll be a close finish, always good for ratings. Oh, one other little wrinkle: Greece holds national elections this weekend. Opposition conservatives could win, meaning an unpredictable political housecleaning starts Monday morning—with only 157 dawns left.

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Senate needs shot at redemption after hiring fiasco

After the guilty have been punished and the smoke of public opinion has subsided, many of us have thought that the series of incidents that led to the ghost jobs scandal at the Senate should now be buried and forgotten.

We may have drawn that conclusion too soon.

The reported plan by the Adriano leadership to hire additional full time employees to handle site preparations for Rota and Tinian sessions is much too hard to bear.

This plan makes it apparent that our esteemed legislators have not learned their lesson yet as they seem to think that the people of the CNMI are so feeble-minded as to not sense their disregard for proprietary spending of taxpayer money.

There are other more feasible alternatives to hiring FTEs to set up sessions on the two outer islands. And it should dawn upon our good senators that their constituents expect frugality and conscientious spending habits of them.

If the need is to have staff that would take care of the required logistics, venue preparation, printing and other needs during legislative sessions, it would make more sense to just have existing LB staff on Saipan shuttle to the two islands once a month for those sessions. Even if the sessions last for days each time, it would not cost the government as much as it would with the additional FTEs. Our senators should be reminded that after the ghost employees fiasco, they should all the more be cautious with their hiring practices, especially the kind that may be perceived as political and familial in appearance.

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I must say that my heart bleeds for the many men and women who were gypped of their hard earned money via the alleged fraudulent schemes of officials of Saipan University.

This is not a simple case of fraud and misrepresentation. What the SU officials did to those hapless, unsuspecting victims is robbery of the grandest scale and should be severely dealt with. That the students had to literally scrape the bottom of the bin to come up with the money to pay their way to Saipan and into a supposed bright future makes it all the more disheartening.

Fraudulent, get-rich-quick scams like this—especially if the victims are underprivileged people, whose weakness makes them more

By RAFFY H. ARROYO

The views expressed are strictly that of the author. Arroyo is the business editor of the Saipan Tribune.



susceptible to scam artists—should be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Considering that most of these people lost their lifetime savings, it should be up to the authorities, both local and federal, to see to it that the perpetrators of this economic crime are punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Without necessarily passing judgment on SU founder Soon Kyung Park's guilt, I think a long jail time would not be sufficient. It is imperative that most if not all of the money be returned with appropriate punitive damages.

How this is to be done is a good question. As much as the local government would want to help these victims, it could not cough out cash to somehow ease their pain. It also remains doubtful if money is readily available from Mr. Park and his cohorts to repay the students.

What the government could do at the very least is to make sure these poor people are given the chance to rebuild their lives. The problem, however, is that some of these people reportedly prefer to just go back to their home country instead of taking on jobs here. This makes the need for a payout all the more urgent and critical.

In my opinion, the Administration has done well by providing the victims the support and means to pursue their case, although as far as the victims are concerned, more has to be done in terms of reparation. It would do better if the Administration gives more focus on this issue if only to make sure it gets addressed as a priority.

This controversy has the potential of further ruining the already much-maligned image of Saipan as a member of the American political family. It is important that this controversy be put to a close fast, equitably and fairly for all concerned.

Martha's case of extreme hubris

She thought she could do what she wanted—in this case, use inside information illegally to spare herself a financial loss—and that she could get away with it. But it ultimately led to her public disgrace.

During her trial and the long buildup to it, I often wondered why Stewart didn't just 'fess up:

"Yes, I got some information that made me think my stocks were going to tank. So I sold them. As a former stockbroker, I knew this was wrong, but for the moment greed got the best of me. And I regret it."

She might have been able to cut a deal with the federal investigators, plead to a misdemeanor, pay a fine, spend a few months in jail and then go back to icing elaborate wedding cakes. It would have been embarrassing, and probably would have hurt her business somewhat. But it would have been nothing like sitting in federal court last week and hearing that she'd been convicted of four felonies.

But Stewart and her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, apparently thought they could get away with their little crime. As her lawyer Robert Morvillo pointed out during the trial, Stewart couldn't have been motivated by money alone to do something that a jury has now said was illegal. The \$45,600 she saved by dumping her ImClone stock was a pittance compared to her total fortune of more than \$1 billion.

But Stewart had built an empire by doing things just so, and was

accustomed to having things her way. She must have thought she could have it in this instance too.

There was also evidence of greed. The wealthy, we have learned from other divas such as Leona Helmsley, are often quite penurious, seeking to claim every dime, to gain every advantage. Perhaps that's what gets them to their station in life. Stewart, we learned during the trial, billed her media company for tens of thousands of dollars for a personal vacation, when she could easily have paid for it herself.

She was also used to enjoying advantages that ordinary folks don't have. Confiding to a pal that she'd received some confidential information about her ImClone stock, she allegedly said, "Isn't it nice to have brokers who tell you those things?"—or words to that effect.

Stewart and Bacanovic—who claimed that he never told her about the imploding stock, and said they had an agreement to sell if it hit a certain low—seemed to be caught up in a private dance. This was their story and they thought if they stuck to it that all would be well.

They were undone by a 28-year-old assistant broker, Douglas Faneuil, who refused to be their fall guy and who never wavered on the stand while telling his version of what really happened.

Stewart is certain to appeal the jury verdict. But analysts are already assessing the potential fallout from her convictions. She is now a convicted felon—and, if the convictions are upheld, she's likely to do jail time. Her reputation has been battered; her company



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Newsday

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could be devastated. She might never again be allowed to play a major role in a publicly traded company.

And all because of hubris.

Some people are going to feel sorry for Stewart. But I'm not one of them. I don't think this was a frivolous prosecution or a witch-hunt of a powerful and successful woman. I see it in the light of the numerous corporate scandals that have unfolded in recent years, where CEOs, CFOs, accountants, mutual fund managers, stockbrokers, brokerage firms and banks have used all kinds of skulduggery to play fast and loose with other people's money.

It's important for the rich and well-connected to understand that they're not entitled to an endless array of perks, almost always at someone else's expense.

Character assassination sullies History Channel

By **DAVID SHAW**

Los Angeles Times

Early in my career, I had a city editor—an otherwise reasonable man, a talented journalist and a good friend—who nonetheless spun the most astonishingly farfetched conspiracy theories about the assassination of President Kennedy. In one of his more fevered imaginings—spun over his desk at work and over bourbon and poker in his home—my friend told a conspiracy tale in which a police officer in Long Beach, Calif., was murdered, in the police station, to cover up his role in the assassination and its coverup.

But not even my friend went as far as a History Channel documentary broadcast in November that argued—no, insisted—that Lyndon Johnson “murdered John Kennedy to become president and to avoid prison,” as one Texas lawyer said in the opening moments of “The Guilty Men,” one program in a 12-hour series called “The Men Who Killed Kennedy.”

The series, which covered various Kennedy assassination theories and was part of the History Channel's coverage of the 40th anniversary of the event, attracted virtually no media attention at the time, although outraged relatives and former colleagues of President Johnson did protest and demanded an opportunity to rebut the charge—and got nowhere.

When that protest intensified last month, the History Channel agreed to appoint a panel of three historians to “discuss the controversial theory and to review the program.” When their examination is complete, the History Channel has promised to broadcast another program featuring their conclusions about “America's fascination with the Kennedy assassination, (including) the credibility of this particular theory and the way it was presented.”

Credibility? Incredibility would be more like it.

I could understand such a theory being published in the National Enquirer or on some whacko Weblog or in a novel by Robert Ludlum or Richard Condon. But the History Channel is supposed to present, well, history, not preposterous and irresponsible speculation by folks repeating the hearsay rantings of folks now dead. (One of the key figures in the show is Barr McClellan, who repeats charges he made in a 2003 book “Blood, Money & Power: How L.B.J. Killed J.F.K.”—a book The New York Times characterized as containing “several passages of admittedly fictional projection.”)

How did the History Channel decide to descend into this ugly morass?

“The Men Who Killed Kennedy” aired in somewhat different forms in England in 1988 and again in 1995, and producer Nigel Turner was criticized both times for some of his assassination theories.

Executives at the History Channel say their program was “original” and was subject to “a review” beforehand. But they won't say who conducted that review and they won't answer specific questions on the program, pending the outcome of the examination by their panel of historians (Robert Dallek, author of biographies of Johnson and Kennedy; Stanley Kutler, professor of American Institutions at the University of Wisconsin and author of two books on Watergate; and Thomas Sugrue, history professor at the University of Pennsylvania).

They do, however, say they are “reviewing our review procedures,” and in a prepared statement announcing the appointment of the historians, Dan Davids, executive vice president and general manager of the channel, said, “Nothing is more important to the History Channel than the integrity of our programming.”

He also said he and his fellow executives “take (critics’) ... concerns about historical accuracy and fairness very seriously and are taking appropriate action.”

The “appropriate action” would have been to avoid showing “The Guilty Men” in the first place—or, failing that, to have retracted it and apologized for it immediately.

I'm all for a robust debate and responsible investigation of the Kennedy assassination—or any other momentous event in U.S. history. But this program was neither debate nor responsible. It was a farce.

It's true that nine times in the course of the one-hour, independently produced program, the History Channel's resident historian, Steve Gillon, reminded viewers that it offered “just one of the many theories about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.” But that's as close as the station came to a disclaimer.

I've long, albeit reluctantly, accepted the Warren Commission conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy. It's not that I find the commission's arguments so persuasive. But while I remain open to—indeed eager for—a better explanation, every alternative I've heard so far seems even less persuasive.

One need not accept the Warren Commission findings, though, to be horrified by the History Channel broadcast of “The Guilty Men.” One need not even have been an admirer of Johnson.

Johnson could be—and often was—ruthless in pursuit of his objectives. It would not be difficult to make the case that the concept of corruption was not entirely foreign to Johnson's experience. But murder? Johnson as a presidential assassin—not the trigger man but the man who ordered and organized the killing?

Wait, there's more. “The Guilty Men” said Johnson ordered seven other murders—including that of his own sister. Johnson as a serial killer?

“Deep in the heart of Texas lie buried some of the darkest and most well-kept secrets that tell us who killed John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963—and why,” says an ominous voice-over near the beginning of “The Guilty Men.” Then: “Those forces of darkness revolved around one of the state's most famous political sons—Lyndon Baines Johnson.”

The show went on to “document” what it called Johnson's “murderous cycle” and posited the theory that he had help in the Kennedy assassination from the CIA (allegedly fearful that Kennedy would abolish it), the FBI (whose boss feared that Kennedy would fire him), the military-industrial complex (supposedly worried that Kennedy planned to withdraw American forces from Vietnam), and various Texas oil billionaires (alarmed that Kennedy would end or reduce the oil depletion allowance that had helped make them billionaires).

The show also said Johnson feared imprisonment because of his association with Bobby Baker, a Johnson protege and Senate aide who was forced to resign after accusations of illegal activities and was later imprisoned after being found guilty of theft, fraud and income tax evasion.

Various elements of this far-reaching conspiracy theory have been advanced before, of course—mostly by the kooks who frequent the fringes of society and also by Oliver Stone in his 1991 film, “JFK.”

But not even Stone went as far as “The Guilty Men” in fingering Johnson, and Stone was making a movie—reprehensible as it was—not a program for the heretofore respected History Channel.

I hope their expert historians move quickly in their review, and when they return—as they inevitably will—with a report that there isn't a shred of evidence linking LBJ to the JFK assassination, I hope the History Channel—and its parent companies, Hearst, Disney's ABC Cable and General Electric's NBC—will have the good sense to make a public and abject apology.

If not, I've got this script I'm working on and I figure they'll be interested in it. It reveals the dark secret about how Harry Truman conspired with Mr. Blackwell and Elvis Presley's tailor “Nudie” to poison President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and make the cause of his death look like a cerebral hemorrhage—all because they thought a wheelchair-bound president did not inspire American men to buy fine clothing.

Shaw is a reporter for The Times.

Letters to the Editor

Saipan Tribune welcomes contributions. All letters intended for publication must include the writer's name, address and, if possible, fax or telephone number. Letters are edited for space, clarity and fairness.

An open letter to governor, BOE

I have mentioned on more than one occasion the need for the Governor's Office to work with and through the BOE Teacher Rep. in implementing the governor's Initiative within PSS. The BOE Teacher Rep. is the governor's appointee and the proper conduit for the governor to intervene on teachers' behalf. It is my belief that neither office, the governor nor BOE should be attempting to implement a plan for teachers without the input and services of the BOE Teacher Rep.

The BOE Teacher Rep. is the governor's appointee not just to represent teachers but to also assist the governor as a BOE member with his plans for improving the Department of Education. In the absence of a Secretary of Education, the BOE Teacher Rep. is the governor's only legitimate conduit for the governor to affect BOE policy. For the governor and BOE to continue debating issues about teachers without the BOE Teacher Rep. being involved would be contemptuous to teaches now that teachers have a BOE Teacher Rep.

The governor clearly has good intentions and the concerns by BOE are legitimate considering BOE is on the outside looking in—even though BOE chose to be in that position. The BOE Teacher Rep. and the Teacher Rep. panel that I have established is the means for a resolution to the differences between the Governor's Office and BOE. I would like to suggest that true respect be given to teachers by implementing the Governor's Initiatives through the BOE Teacher Rep.

I'm sure that I can be of help in this matter and I look forward to some form of notification to discuss this matter with BOE and the Governor's Office to reach a resolution, in the best interest of all the stakeholders in our education system.

Ambrose M. Bennett

BOE Teacher Rep.

Mallard not extinct

The article on the extinct Mariana Mallard is inconsistent. I recently moved to the United States but prior to moving I lived in Kagman 1. Every year during the rainy season, I would see a group of Mariana Mallards in a little wet land area. They may be in the preservation area, which is fenced in. To be positive in making this claim of not seeing this species of bird since the late 70's is not true. The bird still exists. This is my opinion. My last sighting was in mid to late 2001. Thank you

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Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela joins Chief Justice Mary Schroeder of the Appellate Division of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Tudela recalls old days when lawyers were a 'rare species'

Saipan Mayor Juan Borja Tudela hosted visiting jurists from the U.S. mainland and Micronesia and members of the local Judicial Branch in a Sunday brunch meeting at the Pacific Islands Club. The group is on Saipan to celebrate the CNMI Supreme Court gaining its independence.

In his welcoming remarks, Mayor Tudela told the visiting jurists: "We have truly come a very long way since the old Trust Territory days when courthouses in the islands were usually quonset huts, and lawyers and judges were a very rare species."

"Some of the government attorneys did their jobs with great deal

of dedication and commitment," he recalled. "Some even went as far as to train their own local staff to serve as paralegals."

The mayor said one attorney who did an excellent job training paralegals in every Trust Territory district was the late Roger St. Pierre, who passed away on Saipan about 20 years ago.

"During his many years of service as the Trust Territory's chief public defender, he trained many locals in criminal and civil courtroom procedures. Looking around this room here this afternoon, I can see more than just a few of his former paralegals who went on to become lawyers, judges,

and even a Supreme Court justice," Tudela said.

Tudela closed his remarks by urging the jurists to inspire others. "Each of you have so much influence over people's lives. Like Mr. St. Pierre, please inspire young people all over the Pacific islands to do positive things with their lives, and make positive contributions to their local communities."

The visiting jurists at the event included U.S. Ninth Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder, Ninth Circuit Senior Judges Alfred T. Goodwin and J. Clifford Wallace, Guam Supreme Court Justice Philip Carbullido, Guam

Justice Robert J. Torres, Justice Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Justice Andon J. Amaraich of the FSM Supreme Court, Chief Judge Yosiwo O. George of the Kosrae Supreme Court, FSM Ombudsman Benjamin Rodriguez, Justice F. Michael Kruse of the American Samoa Supreme Court, retired Chief Justice Richard and Lyn Guy, former Justice Cruz Reynoso, CNMI Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Justice John A. and Ramona V. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Nara-já, Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, and retired Chief Justice Marty Taylor.

'Taste of the Marianas' to kick off this May 15

The Taste of the Marianas—International Food Festival and Beer Garden will kick off this year on Saturday, May 15, and will be held during the succeeding four Saturdays: May 22 and 29, June 5, and June 12.

The event will be held at the American Memorial Park, near the Micro Beach, and starts from 6pm to 10pm.

The celebration will feature the various culture and cuisine, with displays of exotic and traditional dishes native to the Marianas, along with international dishes prepared by the islands' top chefs.

Visitors to the Taste of the Marianas can enjoy a variety of free entertainment, fine cuisine and beverages in a village-type atmosphere uniquely intermingled with island hospitality and live music.

Some of the various foods that will be featured include Chamorro, Carolinian, American, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Mexican, Cajun, Thai, and Indian recipes. The event

will also feature artists in various mediums such as oil painting, bead jewelry, and wood carving.

The Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden goes into its sixth year. It is an annual event that began in 1999 as part of the Visit the Marianas campaign.

This year's Taste of the Marianas coincides with the 60th Commemorative Anniversary of the World War II Battles of Saipan and Tinian. A large number of visitors from the U.S. mainland and Micronesia are expected to be on island during the 60th commemorative anniversary activities.

"The Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden is an event that both our visitors and local residents look forward to every year. This year's event promises to be an even more exciting venue that will highlight the many culinary talents of the CNMI," said MVA managing director Jonas Ogren.

1st Tinian Hot Pepper Festival

The Marianas Visitors Authority will be introducing the first-ever Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on May 15, from 10am to 10pm at the Taga Beach Park.

The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held in conjunction with the celebration of CNMI Tourism Month and will showcase great tasting food, an array of arts and crafts, and cultural entertainment for the whole family.

The highlighted feature of the festival will be the Tinian Hot Pepper Contest, a test of tolerance among participants to determine who can consume the most of concoctions prepared using the notorious Tinian hot pepper.

Participation fees include \$10 for the Arts & Crafts (non-food) category and \$15 for the Food category. There will be a \$5 cap on all food

items that will be sold. A total of 24 booths will be available and assignments will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A booth decoration contest will also take place to recognize the top three booths. Admission to the event is free to the public and everyone is invited.

"The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival is a celebration of our islands' people and our culture," said MVA managing director Jonas Ogren. "We encourage the community, not only on Tinian, but Rota, Saipan and Guam also, to participate in this type of event that features our neighboring island of Tinian and its famous and delicious hot pepper."

For more information, contact the Marianas Visitors Authority on Tinian at (670) 433-9365 or Saipan at (670) 664-3200.

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World

Army opens 20 Iraqi prisoner probes

By **ROBERT BURNS**
AP MILITARY WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The deaths of 10 prisoners and abuse of 10 more in Iraq and Afghanistan are under criminal investigation, the Army disclosed Tuesday as U.S. commanders in Baghdad announced interrogation changes and the White House reached out to the Arab world to try to blunt a widening and increasingly damaging controversy.

President Bush planned to do two 10-minute interviews with Arab television Wednesday to underscore his feelings about photographs of naked prisoners and gloating U.S. soldiers.

"This is an opportunity for the president to speak directly to the people in Arab nations and let them know that the images that we all have seen are shameful and unacceptable," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday night.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld earlier condemned abuses of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers as "totally unacceptable and un-American," and Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, went on Arab television to make the same case.

"We all feel outraged at these pictures," Rice told the Arab television station Al-Arabiya. She said Bush was "determined

to find out if there is any wider problem than just what happened at Abu Ghraib. And so he has told Secretary Rumsfeld that he expects an investigation, a full accounting."

Among Tuesday's revelations, one week after the publication of devastating details of Iraqis suffering physical and sexual abuse at the hands of U.S. soldiers:

- The Army said one soldier had been court-martialed for using excessive force in shooting to death an Iraqi prisoner last September. The soldier was reduced in rank and dismissed from the Army, an official said.

- The Army also disclosed that it had referred to the Justice Department a homicide case involving a CIA contract interrogator alleged to be responsible for the death of an Iraqi prisoner last November. That death was at Abu Ghraib prison, notorious during Saddam Hussein's rule for torture and killing and now the focus of global outrage over U.S. mistreatment.

In Baghdad, the new commander of U.S.-run prisons in Iraq said he would cut in half the number of Iraqis in the notorious Abu Ghraib prison and end some interrogation techniques considered humiliating, such as hooding prisoners. Some Iraqis who have been freed from coalition jails stepped forward with new allegations of beatings,



AP/THE NEW YORKER

The body of an Iraqi prisoner, wrapped in cellophane and packed in ice, is seen at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad in this undated photo.

sleep deprivation and hours spent hooded and kneeling before interrogators.

In somber tones at his first Pentagon news conference since the reports of abuse surfaced, Rumsfeld said Americans should not believe that the behavior captured in the photo-

graphs of grinning U.S. soldiers posing with naked Iraqi prisoners is tolerated.

Four US troops die in Iraq Humvee accident

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—Shiite militiamen fired mortars at a U.S. base in Najaf and bombarded a municipal hall in a nearby city Tuesday, as U.S.-led forces sought to resolve the standoff with militants south of the capital.

North of Baghdad, four U.S. soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division were killed after their Humvee overturned during a combat patrol north of Baghdad, the Army said.

Sporadic overnight mortar attacks on the U.S. base in Najaf followed intense fighting Monday between American forces and militiamen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. As many as 20 Iraqis were killed Monday. No coalition troops died.

The U.S. military moved soldiers into the base last month after Spanish peacekeepers withdrew from Iraq.

Al-Sadr's forces, which launched an uprising in April, have stepped up attacks in re-

cent days. Their assaults seem aimed either to pressure U.S. officials to negotiate an end to the standoff or to goad troops into a heavy retaliation that would inflame Shiites.

The military has been wary of sparking broader fighting. Al-Sadr's office is near Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine.

Militants in Karbala shelled the city hall and police headquarters before daybreak. Both are guarded by Bulgarian soldiers; no casualties were reported.

Near the northern city of Mosul, insurgents blasted a convoy of American soldiers with a homemade bomb, sending up shrapnel that slightly wounded three soldiers. Troops shot and killed two men who set off the bomb, the military said.

A new Iraqi military force was patrolling Fallujah, taking over for Marines pulling back from the city, where U.S. forces have been battling Sunni insurgents.

Saudi Arabia blames fugitive for attack

YANBU, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia blamed a wanted man with links to a London-based opposition group for an attack on an oil contractor's office, saying Tuesday he had slipped back into the kingdom to lead his brother and two cousins on a bloody rampage.

The attack Saturday at the offices of Houston-based ABB Lummus Global Inc. in Yanbu killed five Westerners and a Saudi and prompted scores of foreigners to flee the kingdom.

All four attackers were killed in a shootout after an hour-long police chase in which they dragged the body of an American victim

from the bumper of their car and urged students at a local high school to travel to Iraq to fight the U.S.-led occupation forces.

The leader of the attack was Mustafa Abdel-Qader Abed al-Ansari, a Saudi from the city of Medina who was wanted by security forces, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

It said al-Ansari left the kingdom in 1994 and joined the London-based Committee for the Defense of the Legitimate Rights, a group of Saudi dissidents who advocate overthrowing the monarchy.

"He re-entered the country in an illegitimate way and infiltrated

the borders to carry out despicable plans," the ministry said.

Founders of the Committee for the Defense of the Legitimate Rights said al-Ansari first contacted them in 1994.

Mohammed al-Masaari said al-Ansari came to London at age 22 after spending time with Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Afghanistan. Al-Ansari briefly joined the group, which sent him to study English in Cambridge, and married a British woman, he said.

But al-Ansari "disappeared" in 1997, al-Masaari said. He said he later heard he had been arrested in Yemen.

Peacemakers seek new Palestinian leaders

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United States and three peacemaking partners called Tuesday for "responsible and accountable" Palestinian leaders who would crack down on terrorists and welcomed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's proposal to withdraw from Gaza.

The statement, issued after a 2 1/2-hour meeting at the United Nations hosted by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, drew Palestinian criticism and Israeli praise.

The Palestinians' U.N. ob-

server, Nasser Al-Kidwa, said the United States dominated the deliberations, which issued a statement that amounted to nothing more than "mumbling that could mean anything."

By contrast, Daniel Ayalon, the Israeli ambassador to Washington, said the Quartet—the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia—had focused on "the real problem" of terror and a need for change within the Palestinian movement.

"Cracking down on terrorism and reforms are imperative for any meaningful political dialogue," Ayalon said in a telephone interview.

"Hope is in short supply," Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen said, reflecting on the stalemated search for Middle East peace. Cowen emphasized that a solution cannot be imposed by well-meaning outsiders but must be reached by the parties, the Israelis and the Palestinians.

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CBS News says it held prison abuse story

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

CBS News delayed reporting for two weeks about U.S. soldiers' alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners, following a personal request from the chairman

of the joint chiefs of staff.

Gen. Richard B. Myers called CBS anchor Dan Rather eight days before the report was to air, asking for extra time, said Jeff Fager, executive producer of "60 Minutes II."

Myers cited the safety of

American hostages and tension surrounding the Iraqi city of Fallujah, Fager said, adding that he held off as long as he believed possible given it was a competitive story.

With The New Yorker magazine preparing to run a detailed

report on the alleged abuses, CBS finally broadcast its report last Wednesday, including images taken last year allegedly showing Iraqis stripped naked, hooded and being tormented by U.S. captors at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Fager said he felt "terrible" being asked to delay the broadcast.

"News is a delicate thing," he said. "It's hard to just make those kinds of decisions. It's not natural for us; the natural thing is to put it on the air. But the circumstances were quite unusual and I think you have to consider that."

Bob Steele, a journalism values scholar at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, said there should be an "exceptional principle and argument" to justify withholding news of such magnitude.

"You'd have to be convinced that these other American lives are truly on the line," he said. "I would want to have a very specific and short time period (to withhold the news). If CBS believes it was justified, to hold



Myers

back two weeks seems like an awful long time. Perhaps a day or two. But two weeks is a long time, particularly with the nature of the allegations in the video."

Rather revealed the two-week delay in a postscript to viewers at the end of Wednesday's broadcast.

Fager said he believed the story was better because of the delay; CBS was able to interview Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt about the alleged incidents because the network waited.

Myers, speaking on ABC's

"This Week" on Sunday, confirmed that he asked CBS for the delay.

"You can't keep this out of the news, clearly," Myers said. "But I thought it would be particularly inflammatory at the time."

Fager knew that CBS had to consider safety issues in deciding when to run the story. "We can't just be acting in a void," he said. "There's a war going on and Americans are at risk, especially the ones that are being held hostage. It concerns us."

Although one American hostage recently escaped and others may have been killed, at least one hostage is still believed held in Iraq.

Steele pointed out that Iraqi prisoners could have been at risk, too.

"Allegations of this nature, the violation of the rights of the enemy prisoners, should not be taken lightly in the slightest," he said. "It's possible that their lives could be in jeopardy as well. ... it's not impossible to consider that at least their health, if not their lives, were at risk."



AP

Pope John Paul II poses with the new members of the Vatican Swiss guards during an audience in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican, in this Monday, May 6, 2002 file photo.

Swiss Guards mark 500 years with the pope

By NICOLE WINFIELD
AP WRITER

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Swiss Guards are gearing up to mark their 500th anniversary as the colorful protectors of the pope with a series of celebrations in 2005 and 2006 and a monthlong, 530-mile march from Switzerland to Rome to recreate the arrival here of the first contingent.

About 100 former members of the corps are expected to take part in the march, which will begin in April 2006 in the Swiss city of Bellinzona, just over the border from Italy. It will wind its way down the ancient Via Francigena road through Milan and on to Rome.

The commander of the Swiss Guards, Col. Elmar Theodor Mader, and a top Swiss military official, Lt. Gen. Beat Fischer, commander of the Swiss Army mountain corps, outlined the anniversary plans at a news conference Tuesday.

The Swiss Guards were founded in 1506 by Pope Julius II. Currently numbering about 110, they help protect the pope, guard the entrances to Vatican City and the Apostolic Palace, where the pope lives, and perform honor guard duties at Vatican ceremonies. They are noted for their col-

orful outfits: yellow-and-blue striped uniforms and red-plumed helmets.

The marchers—who plan to dress in ceremonial garb only for the final part of the hike—are scheduled to arrive in Vatican City in time for the annual May 6 induction of a new crop of guards, Fischer said. The May 6 date honors the day in 1527 when 147 Swiss Guards died protecting Pope Clement VII as the troops of Emperor Charles V sacked Rome.

The Swiss Guards will begin the anniversary celebrations June 21, 2005, with the publication of a book on their history to commemorate the request from Julius II for a 200-man Swiss army to protect him, Fischer said. Later that year, Sept. 24-25 in Lucerne, Switzerland, there will be a ceremony to mark the actual departure of the first Swiss contingent bound for Rome to answer Julius' call.

The troops arrived in Rome Jan. 22, 1506 - and that is the day the Swiss Guards consider the founding of the papal army. There will be a celebration in Rome that day, but the recreation of the march will take place later that year—in April—so participants don't have to brave the winter weather.

Fischer said he estimated the

530-mile march would take about a month, with the former corps members clocking an average of about 18 miles a day, six out of every seven days. The marchers will make 26 different stops along the route to mark Switzerland's 26 cantons, he said.

Other plans for the anniversary include the issuing of a special stamp by the Vatican and Swiss post offices, and the issuing of a coin worth about \$15.40, Fischer said.

Swiss Guards serve a minimum of two-year tours, and this year's new crop—to be inducted at a formal Vatican ceremony Thursday—will bring in 33 new recruits. To be eligible, candidates must be Swiss, Catholic, between 19 and 30, at least 5-foot-7 and have an "irreproachable" reputation.

They must also be male—a requirement that Mader said wasn't going to change any time soon.

"Not under my command," he said when asked whether women might one day join. He cited space constraints in the dorms, the male-dominated ecclesiastic environment in which the Swiss Guards work, and the potential for "problems" and "jealousy" among the guards, the bulk of whom are under 25.

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'Friends' to charge up to \$2M for ads

NEW YORK (AP)—Advertisers are paying up to \$2 million for 30 seconds on the "Friends" finale this week, making it the Super Bowl of sitcoms.

That puts Thursday's one-hour finale, which NBC has estimated will draw an audience of at least 50 million people, second in price only to the Super Bowl this year. CBS took in \$2.3 million for a half-minute of ad time on the Super Bowl.

The Academy Awards took in \$1.5 million per 30-second ad spot on ABC.

"This is one of those rare media events," said Charlie Rutman, president of Carat USA, a major buyer of advertising time for large companies. "It's a program that has captured a genera-

tion and a lifestyle for 10 years. It's become more than just a television program."

Some of the companies advertising in Thursday's finale, like Hewlett-Packard and Gatorade, are debuting new commercials on Thursday, just like companies do for the Super Bowl.

Hewlett-Packard's ad will show how the company's technology helped create the animation for the upcoming "Shrek 2" movie, said Scott Berg, director of worldwide media for the company.

Debuting a new ad "makes it that much more special and it sets you apart from those on the stage who might just be running more typical ads," he said.



AP
Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, center, poses with the cast of "Friends" for a taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" at the Bel Air Hotel in Los Angeles on April 19, 2004. Cast members from left are: Lisa Kudrow, Matthew Perry, Courteney Cox Arquette, Jennifer Aniston, Matt LeBlanc and David Schwimmer.

Gatorade will be continuing its series of ads featuring a youngster who gets to play sports with his heroes. The new ad will feature Jason Kidd, Lisa

Leslie and Yao Ming.

The "Friends" finale is considered invaluable not only because of the large audience, Berg said, but be-

cause viewers will likely pay closer attention than on many shows. There will be less channel surfing during commercials, he said.

Hewlett-Packard bought ad time for "Friends" a year ago, enabling the company to get lower prices than those who waited, he said.

Gore launches cable news network

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—An investor group headed by former Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday it is buying a cable channel and launching a news network that will offer "irreverent and bold" programming for young adults.

The group is buying the Newsworld International channel from Vivendi Universal Entertainment for an undisclosed sum. The deal with Gore's company, INdTV Holdings, was an-

nounced during a cable industry convention in New Orleans.

Newsworld International is a 24-hour channel broadcasting international news produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. It is seen in about 17 million North American households, according to Vivendi.

Gore said the network will be "an independent voice in this industry" with a primary target audience of people between 18 and 34 "who want to learn about

the world in a voice they recognize and a view they recognize as their own."

"This is not going to be a liberal network, a Democratic network or a political network," Gore said at a news conference.

The programming will continue to be provided by Canadian Broadcasting Corp., officials said.

Gore will serve as chairman of the board and said he will devote

most of his time to the network. Also announcing the acquisition was Joel Hyatt, an entrepreneur and former finance chairman for the Democratic National Committee who lost a bid for the Senate in Ohio in 1994.

"Having learned from both the successes and failures of other cable networks, we are confident this is a winning concept," said Hyatt, who will serve as chief executive.

Scientists embrace plot for 'Tomorrow'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A super storm envelops the globe, sending tornadoes skittering through Los Angeles, pounding Tokyo with hail the size of grapefruit and burying New Delhi in snow.

Brace yourself. After decades spent tackling volcanoes, aliens, earthquakes, asteroids and every other disaster imaginable, Hollywood has turned its attention to one of the hottest scientific and political issues of the day: climate change.

No one is pretending the forthcoming film "The Day After Tomorrow" is anything but implausible: In the \$125 million movie, global warming triggers a cascade of events that practically flash freeze the planet.

It's an abruptness no one believes possible, least of all the filmmakers behind the 20th Century Fox release. "It's very cinematic to choose the worst-case scenario, which we did," said co-screenwriter Jeffrey Nachmanoff.

Nonetheless, scientists are embracing the movie, unusual for those whose stock in trade is fact.

"My first reaction was, 'Oh my God, this is a disaster be-



AP
New Yorkers run for their lives as a tsunami floods the streets of New York City in the wake of a catastrophic climatic shift in a scene from 20th Century Fox's "The Day After Tomorrow," in this undated promotional photo.

cause it is such a distortion of the science. It will certainly create a backlash," said Dan Schrag, a Harvard University paleoclimatologist. "I have sobered up somewhat, because the public is probably smart enough to distinguish between Hollywood and the real world."

He now hopes the movie will do for interest in global warming what "Jurassic Park" did for dinosaurs.

In the new movie, due for release Memorial Day weekend, global warming melts the polar caps, sending torrents of fresh

water into the world's salty oceans. That flood in turn chills a major current in the north Atlantic and tips the planet into a new Ice Age.

Quickly unleashed is every type of violent weather that filmmakers could cram into the movie, directed by Roland Emmerich of "Independence Day" fame. Most were invoked as an excuse to use cutting-edge special effects, Nachmanoff said.

Several scientists who are familiar with the film were charitable, even overlooking the rapidity with which events unfold in

the movie. "The science is bad, but perhaps it's an opportunity to crank up the dialogue on our role in climate change," NASA research oceanographer William Patzert said of the premise.

Most, including the filmmakers, acknowledge time had to be compressed to keep the audience's interest. When scientists who study climate refer to abrupt changes, they refer to decades, if not hundreds or thousands of years.

"Fox is not going to make a movie that goes on for 10,000 years," Patzert said.

Scripps Institution of Oceanography marine physicist Tim Barnett, who's seen an extended trailer of the film, said even slower-moving change can wreak massive havoc.

Scientists point out that even subtle changes in precipitation patterns can have drastic effects on civilizations unable to pick up and move, wholesale, their farms and cities.

Most scientists agree that climate change is occurring and that human activity—most notably, the burning of fossil fuels—has an effect. Debate continues among politicians.

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Cruise unable to film in Germany building

BERLIN (AP)—Tom Cruise will not be allowed to film scenes for "Mission: Impossible 3" in the German parliament building, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The parliament spokeswoman confirmed a report

in the Bild daily that a location manager from Babelsberg Studios near Berlin had asked permission to shoot scenes for the movie in the Reichstag, known for its giant glass dome that attracts thousands of tourists.

The request was rejected as part of the parliament's regular rules about filming, which is only allowed in relation to political proceedings, the spokeswoman said.

"The dignity of parliament should be preserved," she said.

"It is handled similarly by other parliaments."

"Mission: Impossible 3" is expected to begin filming in Berlin and surrounding areas this summer. Cruise, 41, is a co-producer and star of the action-thriller.

Andre 3000 of OutKast plans to vote

ATLANTA (AP)—Andre 3000 of the rap duo OutKast says that when it comes to voting, he's been negligent, but things will be different this November.

"Stuff came up," the 28-year-old, whose real name is Andre Benjamin, told The Atlanta Journal Constitution.

"I was out of town, I couldn't see how my vote would matter. It just wasn't that important to me," he said.

But Benjamin, one of dozens of entertainers taking part in a voting promotion, said he has "realized just how important it is."

"I'm really excited about voting for the first time," the Atlanta native said for an article published Tuesday.

Benjamin recently hosted an event for "Declare Yourself," a national nonprofit group that has raised \$27 million to try to reverse the trend of a declining youth vote.

In 2000, only 36 percent of Americans ages 18-24 voted in the presidential election, census figures show. That compares with 50 percent in 1972, the year voter eligibility dropped from age 21 to 18.



Andre 3000 accepts the duo or group award for his group Outkast at the NAACP Image Awards, March 6, 2004, in Universal City, Calif.

"Sometimes entertainers—movie stars and rappers—have even more power than politicians. Sometimes all it takes is one or two people in the public

eye to get people to vote," said Benjamin.

He and OutKast partner Antwan Patton, better known as Big Boi, have been in-

involved since 2000 with Rock the Vote, a national group founded in 1990 that partners with MTV's Choose or Lose campaign.

Musician Maguire delivers twin girls

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Dixie Chicks' Martie Maguire and her husband, Gareth, are the parents of twin girls.

Eva Ruth and Kathleen Emilie were born April 27, the group's publicists, FrontPage Publicity, said Tuesday.

Eva Ruth arrived at 8:05 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces. Kathleen Emilie was born about three minutes later at 6 pounds and 1 ounce. Both were 19 inches long. There were

no other details.

Maguire, 34, is the fiddle and mandolin player in the group. Her husband is a teacher.

A photograph of the babies was posted on the Dixie Chicks' Web site, www.dixiechicks.com, with this comment: "Does this mean there might now be a second generation of Dixie Chicks in the



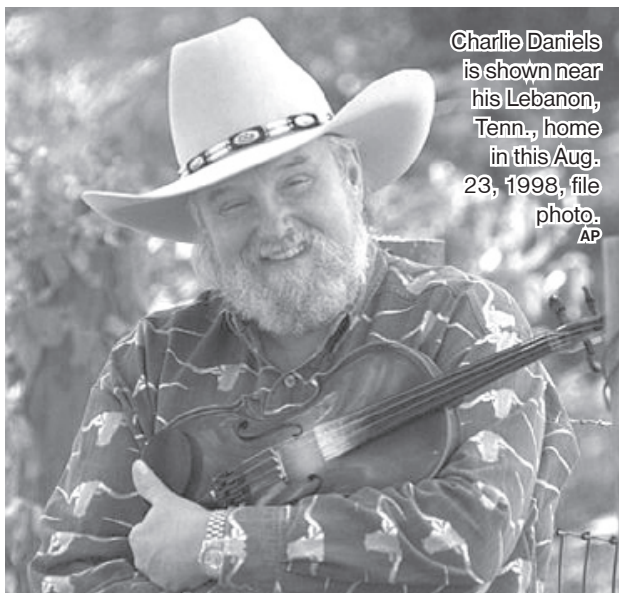
Maguire

making? Perhaps it's no coincidence that there is a long tradition of twin fiddles in music."

The Texas-based trio's other members—Natalie Maines and Emily Robison—also have children.

Robison and Maguire are sisters. The Chicks' hits include "Landslide," "Ready to Run" and "Wide Open Spaces."

Charlie Daniels to play for US troops



Charlie Daniels is shown near his Lebanon, Tenn., home in this Aug. 23, 1998, file photo. AP

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Charlie Daniels Band will perform this week for American soldiers and airmen in Europe.

Daniels and his band are traveling with the Tennessee National Guard to Germany and Kosovo, according to Daniels' publicist, Webster & Associates.

A concert is planned at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, on Wednesday and at Weisbaden Army Airfield, Germany, on Thursday.

The Armed Forces Network will broadcast the Weisbaden concert live to American forces throughout Europe, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Daniels' hits include "Uneasy Rider," "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and "The South's Gonna Do It Again."

High-flying test pilot refused to let colostomy ground him

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: "B.J. in Georgia" was seeking support from others who have had a permanent colostomy. He seemed down in the dumps. I'm here to say there is definitely life after such an operation.

I was operated on 20 years ago. I resumed riding my motorcycle a month afterward, and my exercise running program soon thereafter. At the time, I was directing the flight testing department for a major combat aircraft manufacturer, and flying F-16s on test flights. Within four months I was again flying the ultra-performance F-16s with no difficulty.

The permanent colostomy need not be a show-stopper or agent of great change in one's lifestyle. I'm now retired and lead an active life at 72, and yes, I'm still riding my motorcycle.

PHIL IN FORT WORTH



Dear Abby

DEAR PHIL: It would be an understatement to say that you qualify as a role model for B.J. and others facing this kind of surgery. I have been inundated with messages of support for him. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A permanent colostomy is not the end of the world. I am a strong believer that a person has two choices: Feel sorry for yourself and stop living, or get up, brush yourself off, and go back to what you were doing before the surgery. The latter course of action has worked well for me.

If B.J. can do something similar, he'll find that his surgery and colostomy will not greatly hinder his ability to live a good life. I hope that knowing he isn't the only one with this problem will be of help and comfort.

"GLASS" IN EDMONDS, WASH.

DEAR "GLASS": You have a healthy outlook. Thank you for sharing your philosophy, because it can benefit B.J. and many more people who are coping with a variety of challenges.

DEAR ABBY: Please assure B.J. that he's not alone. My husband had an ostomy six years ago. Common sense, a desire to live, a loving and supportive family, an excellent surgeon and a good ostomy nurse at the hospital have helped tremendously. My husband swims with his shirt off at the beach, plays golf, hikes, travels, and has a full life in all respects. He isn't missing a thing, and neither am I—and B.J. shouldn't either.

NANCY IN ANDERSON, IND.

DEAR NANCY: I'm sure he won't. A reader named Lester in Milwaukee informed me that after his colostomy 27 years ago, he has played racquetball, lifted weights and hiked. It's a matter of attitude.

DEAR ABBY: The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses (WOCN) Society is a professional specialty organization of nurses who treat individuals with wounds, ostomies and incontinence. Studies substantiate that when a WOC nurse specialist is involved with the care of patients with ostomies, everyone benefits.

We develop individualized rehabilitation plans to facilitate the patient's return to a productive lifestyle. We help to select the optimal stoma site, provide patient and family education and follow-up care, and promote rehabilitation.

Our Web site is www.wocn.org, and our phone number is (888) 224-9626 for those who would like more information.

LAURIE McNICHOL, MSN, CWOCN, PRESIDENT

DEAR LAURIE: Thank you for the helpful information. Another excellent resource for information is the American Cancer Society: (800) 227-2345, or www.cancer.org.

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NBC names Kevin Reilly entertainment president

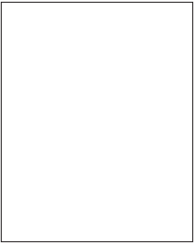
NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Reilly, a top deputy in the NBC entertainment department, was appointed head of the division on Monday.

Reilly will still report to Jeff Zucker, who was recently promoted to president of the NBC entertainment, news and cable group. Zucker will be relocating to New York and the entertainment president's job is Los Angeles-based.

Reilly has been working at NBC since last fall after being entertainment president at FX, where he helped develop such shows as "The Shield" and "Nip/Tuck."

Since joining NBC, he's been working on program development. NBC has been concentrating on developing comedies with the upcoming end of "Friends" and "Frasier," and will introduce its new schedule to advertisers later this month.

Reilly will also be in charge of late-night and daytime entertainment programming for the network as well as prime time.

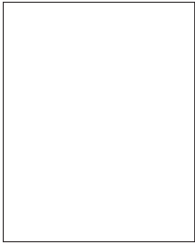


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